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## Kingston Church Music Series Pageant Planned To Open Nov. 13

The 250-year history of the Kingston Congregational Church will be portrayed in a pageant of nine acts and a prologue to be given on Friday, Nov. 2, at 8 p. m., in Edwards Hall.

The anniversary program is scheduled for the week of Oct. 28, and includes several functions during the week. A dinner will be held at Lippitt Hall on Nov. 3.

A feature of the pageant will be Indian ceremonies performed by members of the Sons and Daughters of the First Americans. A special dancer will be Chief Red Thundercloud of Long Island.

A Sunday School in the 80's will be represented in the prologue. The nine acts include the Pettaquamscutt Purchase in 1657, John Woodward, the first preacher, in an early service, the coming of Samuel Niles in 1702, a dispute between the Church of England and the Congregational Church in 1752, George Washington's journey through the village, a scene of the new church in Kingston in 1820, the rebuilding of the steeple after the gale of 1857, the organization and building of State College between 1885 and 1895, and the final act will be a church service with the choir and the observance of V-J Day.

## Beta Psi Dance Honors Frosh

Rho Alpha of Beta Psi Alpha held its first semi-formal dance of the semester in honor of the new freshmen of Beta Psi on Saturday, when 35 couples danced to the music of Al Williams and his radio orchestra.

Chaperones and guests included Prof. and Mrs. Paul Cieurzo, Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Tootell, Dr. and Mrs. W. George Parks, Prof. and Mrs. Edson I. Schock. Hal Britton was in charge of decorations, assisted by Henry Pointon and Joe Petrone.

Rho Alpha officers are: President, Walt Iacabbo; vice president, Dan Raiche; secretary, John Palotti, and treasurer, Joseph Petrone.

This year Rhode Island State College, under the sponsorship of the music department, will bring to us the best possible musical entertainment. Gladys Swarthout, distinguished star of opera, concert, screen and radio, will be the first guest artist on the music series program.

Miss Swarthout comes directly from a brilliant performance of "Carmen," where she thrilled 14,000 fans with the magic of her deep, rich, contralto voice.

This concert will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, in Edwards Hall at 8:15 p. m. Cost of a ticket for the series of three concerts to be given during the season is \$2.40. In order to get the full benefit of the tickets, they should be procured as soon as possible. They may be bought from ticket representatives in each house and dormitory.

Support of the entire campus will keep these concerts going and bring more and better artists each season.

## "Bosh" Is Gladys' Answer to Dinah

A recent statement by swingstress Dinah Shore to the effect that she is annoyed by opera singers who slide from F above high C to the low moans of popular ballads, has drawn some heated rebuttal from Gladys Swarthout, famous mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, who is to open the second music series in Edwards Hall on November 13.

"Bosh" is Miss Swarthout's answer to Dinah's claim that opera

## Assembly To Feature Whistler

The next assembly program on Wednesday will be decidedly different. It is one which will appeal to any and every student, especially you "whistling boys," for Bert Harwell, the famous whistling lecturer will dominate the platform. (Come on, you campus wolves. Here's your chance to see how it's really done!)

With his lecturing talent are combined photographic, musical, poetic, and naturalistic abilities, all of which spell vivid entertainment for his audience.

Mr. Harwell's motion picture, "Music of the Out-of-Doors," is a symphony of the great American wilderness, because it not only contains color and motion, but his own inimitable whistling.

Charles A. (Bert) Harwell is a native son of California. After a life-long study and intimate association with every phase of its flora and fauna, Mr. Harwell can well be called an authority on the natural life of California by skill-

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## D Z's Plan Bal Masque

Ever go to a masquerade on Rhody State campus? D. Z. is giving the first one this campus has seen in a long time, next Friday evening in Lippitt Hall. Masks are a must, and can be purchased at the door. What to wear? Anything to catch the eye—be original, but remember, keep it in the style of a formal affair.

Campus favorite Tommy Masso gives with the music, to be heard from eight to twelve. Special for Friday night: Girls have 'til 12:30 to stroll home. Also new at a Rhody dance is the taking of pictures, in groups or by couples, by

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## Pan-Hellenic Tea

All freshman and sorority girls should remember Tuesday, November 13. The Pan-Hellenic Association is having a tea from 4-6 o'clock at the Union on that day.

The chairmen are: Janet Wilde, general chairman; Grace Stover, food; Dorothy Peterson, invitations; Barbara Knowe, pouring; Janet Keegan, serving; Thelma Ballirano, decorations.

## Aero Club Plans Open House

On Thursday, November 1, from 4-6, the campus chapter of the National Aeronautics Association, will hold an open house in the Aeronautics Laboratory on the fourth floor of Bliss Hall. This opportunity to see one of the most interesting laboratories on the campus is offered to the entire student body. Aero students will conduct tours of the lab which covers the entire floor. Dr. Nicholas Alexander, the advisor of N. A. A., and Elmer Congdon, president of the club, will be present to answer questions.

If you have wanted to sit in the cockpit of a plane, investigate the mysteries of wind and smoke tunnels or simply look over model planes of all types, come to the "Aero" lab on Thursday. Refreshments will be served.

## Activity Schedule - Fall 1945

Concert Choir—	7:00, every Monday
Beacon—	5:00, every Monday
Sachems—	9:00, first and third Monday of the month
*S. A. M.—	7:00, third Monday of the month
Phi Sigma—	8:00, second and fourth Monday of month
Brandeis—	7:00, first Tuesday of the month
Residence Committee—	8:30, first and third Tuesday of the month
Engineering Council—	7:30, third Tuesday of the month
Pan-Hellenic—	8:30, second and fourth Tuesdays
N. A. A.—	7:00, every Wednesday

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## Sorority Row

### Chi Omega

Elsie Martin and Alice Crapser visited the house last week. Mary Farrell visited the house last week.

### Delta Alpha Psi

Gloria Stein was the guest of Lorraine Solomon at her home in Boston over the week-end.

### Delta Zeta

It's up in Lippitt Hall! !

What? D. Z.'s Costume Ball.

Remember November 2nd.

Liz Davies entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Davies, of Hyannis, Mass., over the week-end.

Audrey Delaney, class of '44, was married on Oct. 13 to Matthew Kelley of Providence.

Marjorie Cowen, class of '44, was married recently to Frank Dean, former R. I. State TKE.

Ann Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler of New Jersey, visited the house over the week-end.

### Eleanor Roosevelt Hall

Marjorie Flenniken recently visited Carolyn Sternldorf in Edge-wood.

Mary Ruth Demers was in Rockport, Mass., over the week-end and stayed at "The Rockport Lodge."

Jackie Myers welcomed home her aunt and uncle, Major E. Goodman and Captain M. Goodman, in Boston recently.

Pete Mahady entertained Rusty Merritt over the week-end.

Bette Beatty recently spent the week-end at the home of Dottie Chirnside in Pawtucket.

Lydia Ferreira was hostess to Lee Ferreira over the week-end.

### Nu Alpha

Miss Selma Lightman, a graduate of the class of June, '43, was married October 14th to Major Isadore V. Fine, at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Major Fine, who just returned from overseas, was graduated from State in 1942. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. Beverly Lightman was maid of honor.

Paula McQuaid spent the week-end at West Point.

Alice Jacoby and Marilyn Reynolds spent the week-end at the home of Nancy Esten in Woonsocket.

Rita Martin attended the graduation of her sister Gertrude from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Providence.

### Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Marguerite Hall spent the week-end at Caroline Wilbar's home in Kenyon.

S. A. E. had a party last week in honor of the freshmen in the house.

Last week-end Norma Conti visited Pauline Bruno at Bristol.

Norma Conti, Margaret DePonte, Elaine Murphy and Jeanne Tierney attended a shower Sunday night in honor of Pauline Bruno's sister.

## "Spooks" Beware

If you hear some weird sounds on the night of November 1, it's just the Home Ec Club girls looking for some spooks who didn't make it back to their haunts before closing hours on Halloween.

Yes, we are going to go hunting—no one knows (not even us) just what we'll find or where.

All girls interested in Home Ec will please meet in the shadow of the old oak tree in front of Quinn Hall robed in anything that blood can be washed out of (sure this isn't the science department?). Be there at 6:45 and by all means bring notes relieving us of all responsibility for your safety.

Those of us, both student and faculty who return safely will find refreshments waiting for them in reward for the captured spook. Bid farewell to your friends and family before you take departure. We'll see you!

## Inter-Class Hockey

The interclass hockey schedule for the Fall of 1945 as announced by Head Manager Elspeth Hart is as follows:

Thurs., Oct. 25—Frosh 1 vs. Frosh 2  
Friday, Oct. 26—Soph vs. Juniors  
Mon., Oct. 29—Seniors vs Frosh 1  
Tues., Oct. 30—Frosh 2 vs. Soph  
Weds., Oct. 31—Juniors vs. Frosh 1  
Thurs., Nov. 1—Seniors vs. Soph  
Friday, Nov. 2—Frosh 2 vs. Juniors  
Monday, Nov. 5—Frosh 1 vs. Soph  
Tues., Nov. 6—Frosh 2 vs. Seniors  
Wed., Nov. 7—Juniors vs. Seniors

All games will start promptly at 4:50 p. m. Class managers are responsible for having their team on the hockey field and ready to play at that time. Tardiness on the part of one or both teams scheduled to play will result in their default of the game.

Class managers elected by the W. A. A. Board include: Frosh—Stella Sadow, Mina Koning; Soph—Jean Kenney; Juniors—Mary Elizabeth Davies; Seniors—Janet Wilde.

### DZ'S PLAN BAL MASQUE

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James McKenna from Providence. Give \$1.20 to any D. Z. for you and your date and be on hand to compete for the costume prizes, and if that scares you, remember, you can always try for the booby prize.

Margaret DePonte has recently been elected to Phi Kappa Phi.

### Theta Chi

Miss Rosemary Nugent was a guest at Yale University the week-end of October 20th.

Miss Val Gerlach was entertained by Miss Connie Brouillette of Providence this past week-end.

The news of the birth of Richard Clyde Burts, the 3rd, has been received by his grandmother, Mrs. R. C. Burts, housemother of Theta Chi.

## Day Students Elect Officers

At the opening meeting of their newly named club, the Commuters, who were formerly called the Phae-cians, elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—Ursula Zannini; vice president, Marilyn Coombs; secretary, treasurer, Pat Ballentine; social chairman, Alberta Crossley; Beacon representative, Lucille R. Stanzler; publicity chairman, Shirley Goldberg.

On October 19, the members held a kitchen shower in the commuters room. Dean Eveyn Morris and Dr. Mary Reilly were guests.

## The Steel Bird

By B. Jean Sylvester

A humming sound—  
A silver glare—  
Look, look up!  
Eyes to the air!

The parting of billowy clouds reveals  
Against the sun's red flare,  
The crimson tipped wings of a steel bird,  
The Conqueror of the Air!

A floating jewel—  
Majestic height—  
Amidst a pool  
Of Heaven's light!

Now it dips its argent wings,  
Challenge it, you who dare!  
The roar increases steadily  
Ruler of the Air!

Kingly grace—  
Roaring call—  
Ever forward!  
Seeing all!

O'er his kingdom flies the king,  
Protector of the free the fair,  
Above his subjects, Earth and Sea,  
Defender of the Air!

Conqueror—  
Ruler—  
Defender—  
Dueler—of the Air.

## UNION

The results of the elections of members from each house to the Union committee are almost complete. They are as follows: From A. E. Pi., Perry Cross and Jack Fradies; Alpha Tau, James Barr and Bill Mahler; Beta Psi, Bob Autoleva and Gene Pertotta; Chi Omega, Trudi Farnum; Delta Alpha, Delores Roderick, alternate, Betty Najarian; Delta Zeta, Suzanne Thornley, alternate, Dorothy Partington; East Hall, Betty Fletcher, alternate, Elinor Freethy; Eleanor Roosevelt Hall, Gretchen Johnson and Sue Gadwab, alternate, Beverly Hopps; Lambda Chi, Ralph Neri and Ray Stratton; Dr. Pease's house, Ken Adams and Dan Greenfield; Phi Mu, Jane Turner; Phi Sigma, Steve Borys and Tom Ciloleri; P. I. K., Thomas Lennon and Richard Echstrom; S. A. E., Jean Tierney, alternate, Audrey Hamilton; Sigma Kappa, Mary Alice Wood, alternate, Hope Byrne; Theta Chi, Nancy Marble, alternate, Joan Eckberg; U. Club, Dick Serejanin and Stewart Hart.

The Union has not yet received the names of the representatives from the Commuters, Davis Hall, Rodman Hall, or T. K. E. Elections should be held, and the names should be sent in to Miss Lockwood as soon as possible.

The first dance planned by the Union committee this year was a Halloween Obstacle Party. The men from P. I. K. served as hosts, and the girls from D. Z. were hostesses. Jerry Meyers' orchestra provided that good music; the palm reading, lip reading, mind reading, apple bobbing, and fortune telling was planned by the committee. Since you had such a good time at this party, why don't you just decide right now to come to all the special entertainments to be held? The Obstacle Party was just a sample of the other good things to come.

We'll see you at the Union.

Helene Lockwood

## COMMUNITY THEATRE

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"South County's Popular Movie Theatre"

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday October 28, 29, 30  
George White's SCANDALS OF 1945  
with Joan Davis, Jack Haley and Gene Krupa, and  
BEWITCHED with Phyllis Thaxter and Edmund Gwenn

Wednesday October 31  
HOLIDAY INN, starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire  
Carole Lombard, Robert Montgomery, MR. AND MRS. SMITH  
with Gene Raymond

Thursday, Friday, Saturday November 1, 2, 3  
Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien in  
OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES with James Craig  
IDENTITY UNKNOWN, starring Richard Arlen, Cheryl Walker

## Home Ec Club Outlines Program

The first meeting of the Home Economics Club was called to order by President Connie Child on October 18, at 7 p. m. She introduced the officers for 1946-46, and they include Sue Vose, vice president; Doris Geils, social chairman; Barbara Newmarker, secretary, and Janet Wilde, treasurer.

Miss Burwash was elected at the last meeting in May as the Faculty Advisor. Dean Brucher, vice dean of the Department of Home Economics, was then introduced and spoke to the members of the club. She told of our affiliation with the American Home Economics Association, which has divided the country into 16 provinces, of which we happen to be No. 1. The Province 1 Spring Convention will be in Connecticut, with St. Joseph's as host. Miss Brucher also mentioned several activities which the club plans to take up, stressing our international cultural interests.

Doris Geils then presented the program suggestions for the future meetings, and the members rated the topics according to their preference. The list of suggestions include the following:

Mr. Cain—Anyone Can Draw.  
Miss Dodson—Be Your Own Decorator.

Mrs. Strassburg—Where Did You Get That Hat?

Mr. Butterfield — We All Love Flowers.

Miss Tucker—Home Economics for Eskimos.

Mrs. Brownell, Miss Holway—Let's Learn What They Do in China.

Mrs. Ballentine—Java-Bali.

Dr. Grinstead, Miss Holway—Life with the Returning G. I.

Cosmetician.

Style show.

The work meetings were then discussed and members may work on pinafores for French Relief, recreational material for convalescent veterans, poster service, or on the Hostess Squad. With these varied work projects, all can be assured of doing something they enjoy.

It was also announced that on November 16, the Home Ec Club will sponsor a Halloween party with the attraction of the evening being a "Spook Walk."

The meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. Refreshments were then served in the Commuters' Room.

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## ● RHODY RAMBLINGS ●

... Ramblings on another item of student interest . . . One of the most interesting experiences on the campus has been overlooked by many of those who comprise the student body. Have you ever forgone lunch and stood by watching to see how it appears to a bystander to watch the members of this fair campus slowly amble to the afternoon meal? The scene that follows the ringing of the bell in Davis Hall looks like this: For a moment, after the bell, all it still, calm and serene. Then it happens. Doors burst open and out comes a mass of humanity traveling at a rate of speed that would make Gunder the wonder look like a piker. People who have been excused from physical training for one means or another zoom past the rushing multitude. I remember one individual who was running at such a rate of speed — that after reaching the Caf, had to return and walk painfully back to pick up his cane. If you fall—all is lost and all that is left of you can be easily picked up with a soup spoon. As the roaring speed-demons approach the Caf, the multitude narrows down to a point and resembles the famed flying wedge. (It's lucky Rutgers didn't see that line or they would have thought a bit about the game we had with them). . . Up the steps they go with blinding speed—too fast to notice Dr. Potter and his attendant waiting with ambulance and first aid kits ready to attend the trampled and maimed who stumbled on the stairs. Two freshman girls give a lucid example of how fast they travel. When they left Quinn Hall one girls asked the other if she was going to the Sigma Kappa Barn Dance. She started the question as she passed through the Quinn Hall door and the finish of the question came about the time she had gotten lunch and was looking for a table. (She didn't stutter either). After five minutes the rush is over. Then a siren blows. Many think it is a 12 o'clock signal, but they are mistaken. It is the ALL CLEAR for the faculty to come out of hiding and safely walk to lunch . . . The Beacon Ball won the whole hearted approval of all who attended. If you didn't go—you really missed something. The Beacon staff had quite a time

decorating for the dance. Johnny Schroeder had charge of putting up the cheese cloth ceiling. . . Joan Marshall and Don Corbushly were responsible for the clever posters. Helen Webb did the honors on the two Beacons, while Marion Sundquist was the silent—and under-cover partner. I was busy supplying fingernails for Lindy Hoyle to chew on. John Satti supervised the whole decorating plan and took care of the orchestra. Here's hoping you will all attend the next dance. . . Janet House is the most conscientious Freshman girl of this year's whole lot. It seems one night a few weeks ago this serious lass heard that the Vigies were riding and in her enthusiasm she went to bed—ribbon and all. Finally she got the lowdown from "Beetle," who seems to have become guiding advise for the Davis Hall Freshmen. . . Be sure to give all that you can afford to the new Union. Remember, another meaning for friendship is a permanent Union . . . for no matter what you give — what you give will matter . . . If any of you remember Alan "down the line" Klein—and I am sure you do, you might be interested to know that he is still in the navy. He expects to get out soon — soon as a few more years pass. He is stationed up in Newport and expects to get shipped to ports unknown in the near future. . . Don't forget to send little anecdotes of interest into the Beacon. . . The E. R. H. formal has been scheduled for the eighth of December. Freshmen please note . . . When are the Freshmen boys going to challenge the upperclassmen boys to some athletic contest? Remember, fellas, if you win in a game over the upperclassmen, Freshmen hats and ribbons become memories. Yes, rules go off. If you lose, the hat remains, but you certainly have nothing to lose . . . Goodnight Gremlin. . .

A match produced in 1882 was known as the "Drunkard's Match" because the holding end of the splint was treated with a fire-proofing chemical which prevented burning beyond mid-point, thus saving scorched fingers if the user's attention was distracted.

## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE — FALL 1945

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Portia—	7:00, first and third Wednesday
Orchestra—	7:00, every Wednesday
Wranglers—	8:00, first and third Wednesdays
Judicial Board—	8:30, every Wednesday
W. S. G. A. Council—	7:30, second and fourth Wednesdays
Phi Delta—	6:30, second and fourth Wednesdays
Canterbury Club—	6:30, second and fourth Wednesdays
Chemical Society—	7:00, second Wednesday of the month
International Relations Club—	7:00, first and third Thursdays
Senate—	7:30, third Thursday of the month
Home Economics Club—	7:00, first and third Thursdays
Newman Club—	6:30, second and fourth Thursdays
Student Fellowship—	7:00, second and fourth Thursdays
Scroll—	7:00, fourth Thursday of the month
Women's Athletic Association	8:00, second and fourth Thursdays

\*Society for the Advancement of Management

## Track News

State's freshman cross-country does it again! Under the guidance of Coach Tootell and assisted by Mal Williams, our freshman cross-country candidates have been molded into another well-balanced team.

Last year, as many will remember, a team entirely made up of freshmen won every meet they ran except for the title meet in New York. State became the New England IC4-A champions using the same men that competed as a junior varsity against local high schools.

One of the mainstays of our present team is Frank Knight, one of the two remaining veterans from last year's New England champions. The other veteran is Mike Tarasevich. From Pawtucket East we have Bob Coutu, who won both of our meets with LaSalle and Stonington High School. Other outstanding members to date are Dan Cashman, Norman Monks, Gerry Goldstein. Goldstein was a member of our track team last year, and the New England 600-yd. champion indoors.

Incidentally, R. I. State holds the New England Senior Indoor Track title. Our outdoor track team is second to M. I. T., and holds several individual championships.

Several of the other candidates are Randy Valey, Leo LaLiberte, Ed Foster, Bill Irvine, Bob Bainton and Johnnie Moyer. Let's cheer them on in future meets.

**Results of the 1944-1945 Season**  
1. N. E. Cross Country Champions  
2. N. E. Indoor Track Champions  
3. Second in Outdoor Track in New England.

Many individual titles are held.  
**Schedule**  
Friday, Oct. 26 1945  
Kingstown Merchant Marine (Kingston)  
Saturday, Nov. 3, 1945  
University of Conn. (at Storrs)  
Saturday, Nov. 10, 1945  
New England IC4-A (Boston)  
Saturday, Nov. 17, 1945  
I. C. 4-A (New York)

## "Russia" Is Topic At IRC

The season's second meeting of the International Relations Club was held October 18, in Quinn Hall. After a short business meeting, the club's advisor, Dr. William Itter led the group in an informal discussion on "Relations with Russia."

In an attempt to consider the country objectively, an interesting discussion resulted from the varying views and comments which were offered. Those attending felt that they were successful in acquiring a better understanding of the country which is the subject of so much controversy today.

"The Future of Japan" will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting to be held Thursday, November 1, at 7 p. m., in the Commuters' Room.



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## Picnic Flop

Perhaps some one on campus does not know the true reason why the W. A. A. picnic, scheduled for Saturday afternoon of October 20 was cancelled. Was it because of poor management on the W. A. A. Board's part? The answer to this question is definitely no! Every person on W. A. A. gave all her energy and time to make this picnic just about the best there ever was. The picnic plans also involved the Caf, Mr. Marble, Dr. Browning's office, and the gym department. Excellent cooperation was obtained throughout. Special credit is due Connie Child, our social chairman, and Gloria Goodwin, our publicity chairman. Publicity was well planned in advance so that everyone had time to arrange for the week-end. Well, what did happen?

The picnic was cancelled because only eleven Freshmen had signed up for it. There was an editorial in the *Beacon* a few weeks back that had for its theme the fact that no one stayed down on week-ends because there was just nothing to do. Well, what could be more fun than a picnic in old clothes with your best friends?

Here was an excellent opportunity for the Freshmen to get acquainted with each other. It is rather disappointing to put a great

deal of work into something that you believe is wanted and then find out that no one has signed up.

Why did W. A. A. think you would like a picnic on some week-end? Well, just about the first of this month, Sue Vose, president of W. A. A., spoke at a Junior Council meeting in Edwards Auditorium. At that time, more than 50 per cent of the girls there raised their hands signifying they would like such a picnic some week-end. So the Board immediately started working on the idea.

W. A. A. is extremely sorry to have disappointed those girls who did sign up. We hope that some evening soon we may have a picnic just for you.

The W. A. A. Board is more than willing to cooperate with all students on the campus. If anyone has any suggestions or wants to have some fun together, just let the Board know. We can promise to give you a grand time but we can't do it without your presence.

### "BOSH" IS GLADYS' ANSWER

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when she tried to break into the concert field at New York's Lewisohn Stadium last summer. You need a concert-trained voice to be able to sing in a place like that, and, even with the whole amplification system turned on full, Dinah could scarcely make herself heard.

"After all, using a microphone all these years fertilizes the cultivation of native volume by swing singers like Dinah, while the erratic rhythms of the jazz idiom preclude the need for any highly developed breath control. The swing vocalist, who is accustomed to singing within the range of a single octave, is technically unprepared to encompass any broader span. Opera singers, on the other hand, must be masters of the entire musical range from *pianissimo* to *fortissimo*, and there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to sing popular ballads as well as classical arias."

While denying that a great voice is a handicap in the performance of popular songs, Miss Swarthout does feel that too many of her concert and opera colleagues try to interpret "Moon-June" lyrics in a grand style which is utterly unsuited to them. "Just as lovers of the symphony object to jazzed-up classics," she declares, "I believe that the Tin Pan Alley crowd have an equally good point in disliking 'arty' arrangements of show tunes, which indicate an effort to fit the music to the singer, rather than vice versa."

In her own case, the Missouri mezzo tells us, a first-class rendi-

tion of something from a current Broadway show represents a great deal more work than the most difficult operatic selection. "You see," Miss Swarthout explains, "a singer like myself spends years of training in the classical approach to music until it becomes second nature, but to sing some simple ballad or show tune so that it sounds completely casual, and still not too casual, is a feat of conscious artistry. Tackling songs which ease their appeal chiefly on simplicity — with notes, words and rhythms alone to convey emotions which we are used to interpreting in terms of tonal opulence and musical line, as well—requires a complete readjustment of mental approach; and it is this which many classical singers fail to recognize."

In her frequent radio appearances, and in the five motion pictures in which she was starred, Miss Swarthout has alternated jazz and the classics with apparent ease. She has even recorded, along with great excerpts from her operatic repertoire, such popular tunes as "Begin the Beguine" (from "Jubilee"), "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" (from "Roberta"), "Dancing in the Dark" (from "The Band Wagon"), "The Man I Love" (from "Strike Up the Band"), "Right as the Rain" (from "Bloomer Girl") and "Beat Out Dat Rhythm" (from "Carmen Jones"). Recently, she made a recording of "Give Me Something to Remember You By" with Bing Crosby.

"I am proud," she says, "that our two schools of musical interpretation worked so well together." Incidentally, she thinks Bing is really a great artist; and, as for Dinah Shore, well, Miss Swarthout just can't imagine Dinah's having said what she did. "Dinah's much too nice to talk about anybody," Gladys says.

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ful illustrations of his talks—both vocally through bird-song imitations and visually by his magnificent all-color pictures.

A graduate of the University of California in 1904, he later received his master's degree from the same school after graduate study at Columbia and Leland Stanford Universities. He served as principal in the Berkeley schools until 1929 when his outstanding work in nature education was brought to the attention of the National Park Service. From 1929 until 1940 he was employed in the Service as Park Naturalist at Yosemite. In the Fall of 1940, Mr. Harwell joined the staff of the National Audubon Society as its Western representative and has since been engaged in the inauguration of a broad and constructive wildlife program. His chief aim is to popularize the appreciation of nature among young and old. His lectures, which are dotted with anecdotes, are definitely the kind which would be appreciated by college students.

## "Mixer" Dance Held at Davis

Have you heard about the "mixer" dance given by the girls at Davis Hall last Friday night? It must have been the novel way in which the invitations were delivered, insuring this dance a success. . . . A written invite was not good enough for these energetic lassies. They actually went from house to house and serenaded their dates. By the turn-out we'd say the boys appreciate a bit of good music when they hear it.

It was originally intended by Phi Sig, P. I. K. and Lambda Chi only, but the hot music proved too much for some of our other campus gadabouts. It turned out to be a campus affair.

The varied program provided fun for all. Huberta Higgins and Howard Lapidus were the winners of the elimination dance.

## Miss X of the Week

A Tootell hopeful trying out for the 100 yard dash? — oh, no! That's our Miss X of the Week hurrying over to the lower caf after a session with Miss Morris about the affairs of the W. S. G. A. of which, incidentally, she is president. Our Miss X is a very important person on this campus. If you want to meet her just drop in to the lower caf almost any time it is open and the opportunity will be yours. Outside of the heavy curriculum she carries in sodas, coffee and cigarettes, she divides the rest of her "spare" time among her duties as a member on the War Memorial Union committee, Phi Delta and the Newman Club.

She was on judicial, residence and junior councils, secretary and vice president of W. S. G. A. She's vice president of Delta Zeta and did represent her sorority on Pan-Hellenic Association. She is Woman's Editor of the *Beacon* and has participated in woman's inter-house sports. Incidentally she is taking the Liberal Studies course and is majoring in English.

Have you come to as to whom I've been talking about, or have you been sleeping through all the assemblies and dean's hours? Well, then wake up and see our Miss X of the Week on the stage representing us students—Yo Santulli.

## For the Union

Here are some more ideas for raising funds for the new Student Union Memorial Fund:

**Art Coy, University Club**—Give a minstrel show by the students; or a fund drive where everyone could donate.

**Paul Kennett, Rodman**—A show—"Typical Day at Rhody"—Have campus figures imitated in their natural surroundings, what they do in every day campus style—imitate in a farce how the ROTC drills.

**Beetle Rathborn, Phi Sigma**—Have an all our campaign by the students — some big thing where everyone could be included.